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TO AMEMBASSY RANGOON

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM CU ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARDSON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FY 75 IV PROGRAM

REF: A. RANGOON 3359, B. STATE 264093

1. I UNDERSTAND FULLY YOUR DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT BEEN ABLE THIS YEAR TO FULLY MEET ALL YOUR REQUESTED INCREASES IN THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM. UNFORTUNATELY, DESPITE RAPIDLY RISING COSTS, THIS YEAR'S APPROPRIATION ONLY ALLOWS US TO FUND MOST PROGRAMS AT LAST YEAR'S LEVEL. IN SEVERAL EA COUNTRIES PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN REDUCED - NOT ONLY IN THE NUMBER OF GRANTS, BUT ALSO IN THE ACTUAL ALLOCATION. HOWEVER, THE DEPARTMENT SHARES YOUR INTEREST IN SEEING THAT THE FORWARD MOVEMENT OF THE PROGRAM IS MAINTAINED. FOR THAT REASON WE HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED THE ALLOCATION FOR BURMA OVER LAST YEAR.

2. REFTEL B, WHICH MAY HAVE CROSSED WITH YOUR MESSAGE,
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INFORMED THE POST THAT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE THREE

EDUCATORS AS WELL AS FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT PARTICIPANT. WE REGRET, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO INCREASE THE FUNDING ENOUGH TO COVER 45-DAY GRANTS FOR THE EDUCATORS.

3. UNFORTUNATELY, I WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE CHIEFS

OF MISSION CONFERENCE. YOU MAY WISH TO DISCUSS THE CU PROGRAM WITH BILL HITCHCOCK WHO IS ATTENDING FOR ME. RICHARDSON. KISSINGER

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